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OPERATION MAXIMUM IMPACT 2005

The Arizona Department of Public Safety will begin conducting special enforcement activities on State Route 51, State Route 202 San Tan Freeway, State Route 202 Red Mountain Freeway, Interstate 10, State Route 101, Interstate 17, and US 60.

Operation Maximum Impact 2005 will target these valley freeways beginning November 5, 2005 and will run through December 10, 2005. The specific days and location of the operation will be variable.

The upcoming holiday season presents unique problems for the entire state, especially the Phoenix Metropolitan Area. There is an increase in the number of impaired drivers getting behind the wheel of a vehicle impaired. DPS also detects numerous drivers during these times who display aggressive driving behaviors such as speeding, unsafe lane changes, and following too closely. A major result of these violations increases the potential for collisions on state highways.

The mission of **Operation Maximum Impact 2005** is to decrease traffic collisions and to ensure the safe movement of the motoring public. Enforcement emphasis will be placed on impacting hazardous driving, removing impaired, aggressive and inattentive drivers. Our officers will be promoting the increased use of child safety restraints and seat belts. This will be a **ZERO-TOLERANCE** enforcement detail.

The success of **Operation Maximum Impact** in the past has shown a pro-active enforcement effort resulting in collision reduction and safer highways.

During **Operation Maximum Impact 2005**, the following areas of action will be stressed:

- Zero tolerance for hazardous violations
- Focus on speed enforcement and aggressive drivers
- Reduce response times to collisions and disabled motorists
- Remove impaired drivers from the state highways
- Increase police presence
- Reduce collisions in support of Operation CARE